Nisaa’s Views on Writing

Writing is a very important communicative tool that most should have. Writing is not something that I will ever say is is my favorite task to do, but it is an asset needed to be considered an intelligent person. Writing is not my favorite task because it is a long process (to get it right) and much judgment is given to writing-good or bad-especially bad. I really love writing material that touches a multitude of people. Writing that is clear and purposeful. Some people write in such a complex manner that all one gets at the end is a "What" or "Huh". I like to write freely without negative judgement especially on spelling. You get what I mean? I like poetry that tells a funny story. I used to write and recite, but I lost my "mojoe" for it. I used to write poetry and recite it at a local open mic spot. I wrote about my relationships and feelings. It was a happy time and a time of self-discovery that I was willing to share. I think my mojoe left when friends of that season left and the open mic venue changed and went under new management. I wasn’t then same there after. My career requires much reading and writing. That is where my devotion for writing lies,now. My free time is spent enjoying what others have written for TV or impromptu writing through reality TV.

If I would write professionally, I would choose to be an editorial writer. I love to give my opinion on a hot topic and I usually favor the unpopular opinion on an issue. I think I would be a great script writer or editor, too. I like to create and expand on details.

The type of writing that I do not appreciate is the kind one finds in those academic journals. Bor-ing. The communication is not clear and concise. Just because one can put a bunch of multi-syllabic words together , doesn't make one an effective writer. One should be able to understand what is written. An effective writer just like an effective speaker is able to reach and engage a diverse audience.

The trouble I am finding in my classroom is that my students do not like to write, which is very understandable. What they do not or maybe they do realize is that most of them write everyday. At the same time it is challenging to read their writings. Texting is the new writing. All they need to do now is to refine their writing and write with more than the purpose of telling someone that they are going to see the latest movie.

I wonder really how effective is note taking? I remember taking notes in class and then never reading or using them. Maybe this is why I do not see majority of my students taking notes. When there is something important, I do give them a disclaimer and encourage them to write. One practice that I need to improve is the practice of writing on the board. I believe I hesitate because I do no find my handwriting to be appealing and I fear misspelling words.